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SHORTAGE OF TEACHING FACULTIES IN INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for continual decrease in the number of laboratories and the researchers in the country;

(b) the reasons for the huge shortage of teaching faculty members in the IITs inhibiting the Space Research Projects; and

(c) the Space Research Centres where the research work is lying closed due to the non-availability of the engineers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Indian Institutes of Technologies (IITs) have a well developed physical infrastructure to cater to formal educational programmes at both under- graduate and post-graduate levels and also advanced laboratories to cater to Ph.D.- driven research as well as sponsored Research & Development (R&D) projects from Government agencies and from industries. There is, however, shortage in teaching / research faculties in most of the IITs. However, there is no research project or Centre Department of Space which has been closed due to non-availability of engineers.